

SCIENTIFIC AND METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH TO THE EVALUATION OF THE POTENTIAL OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES TYPES

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Problem statement. The evaluation of the highest possible level, which economic agents can achieve, certainly acts as a basis of research aimed at intensifying the process of a state development. A quantitative measurement of potential of types of economic activities creates an informative base for effective management decisions making about the investment focus of resources and vectors of state support for economy at the macro level, and on further business development and life cycle stages of the company at the micro level. At the same time, ignoring the environmental component of functioning business entities remains a significant problem of an adequate evaluation of the potential of types of economic activities. Thus, increasing the rate of production, such as manufacturing or mining industry due to failure to comply with the standards of environmental protection destroys the standards of living and development of the population in the given territory. The result of such achievement of the maximum possible performance of enterprises will lead to the dissolution of production after a certain period.

Thus, the activation of functioning of economic agents should occur in parallel with the compliance with environmental protection requirements, which provides an opportunity to develop any type of economic activity. So, the scientific and methodological support for assessing the potential of types of economic activities in Ukraine surely should consider the environmental component of economic development.

Analysis of recent researches and publications. A considerable number of foreign and domestic scientific works have been devoted to the study of the methodological basis for assessing the potential of various aspects of industrial enterprises. Thus, the peculiarities of innovative potential estimation are investigated in the works by such scientists, as: Hrynov A.V. [5], Martyusheva L.S. [13], Rossokha V.V. [15], Smirnova H.A. [17]. In turn, the mechanism for assessing the labor potential is revealed in the works by Varnalii Z.S. [3], Hrynova V.M. [6], Dehtiarenko I.V. [7], Dyblenko V.I. [8], Ilchuk O.O. [9]. The following scientists fix their attention on the appraisal of competitiveness potential: Amosov O.Yu. [1], Balatskyi O.F. [2], Voronkova A.E. [4], Fedonin O.S. [18], Khomiakov V.I. [19]. The development of mathematical tools for estimating various types of potential occurs thanks to works: Kaliuzhna N.H. [10], Kostenko O.P. [11], Kuzmenko O.V. [12], and others.

Unsolved parts of a common problem. The investigation of existing scientific and practical sources allows us to state that domestic and foreign scientists mostly take notice of assessing the potential of a specific line of business entity or the component of its business process. At the same time, an insufficient attention is paid to indicators that characterize the destructive impact of economic agents' activities on the environment, which eventually influences the estimated component of the potential in the opposite direction.

Purpose of the study. The development of scientific and methodological approach to assessing the potential of types of economic activities considering the environmental component.

Key findings. The formation of scientific and methodological support for assessing the potential of types of economic activities considering the environmental component requires the study of already existing mathematical modeling tools of this category. Thus, while carrying out a critical analysis of proposed approaches to assessing the potential [10, 11, 12], it should be noted that, in parallel with the use of sufficiently powerful mathematical tools, in view of the priority of indicators of the attribute space, the use of a convolution of comprehensive directions of the characteristics of the research object in a generalizing, the failure to take account of economic nature of the potential, that is, a certain comparison of actual achieved level and the optimal reference level remains one of the problematic aspects.

The nature of the proposed method is to assess the potential of types of economic activities given the environmental component based on the deviation of normalized indicators of attribute space from the values of the "reference" level. So, following quasi-distances, a quantitative assessment of the potential of each type of economic activity is made, considering the environmental component, which makes it possible to establish an unachieved level in comparison with possible 100%.

Turning to the adaptation of taxonomic method that satisfies all the above conditions, to assess the potential of economic activities subject to the environmental component, let's consider the following

sequence of its formalization [14, 16]:

1. Formation of a set of indicators of attribute space, reflecting the potential of types of economic activities. To visualize this process, it is proposed to build a table layout that characterizes the values of indicators of attribute space, constructed on the basis of statistical reporting in the context of each type of economic activity.

2. Calculation of matrix values of indicators of the attribute space, reflecting the potential of types of economic activities considering the environmental component. This matrix acts as a concentrated expression of information describing different types of economic activity in the context of economic, social and environmental components.

3. Carrying out the normalization (bringing into comparable form) defined in points 1 and 2 of the indicator system of attribute space, which implies their transformation into a comparable form.

4. Formation of “reference” values characterizing economic, social and environmental components of types of economic activities.

5. Calculation of quasi-distances based on comparison of normalized indices of attribute space, characterizing the potential of types of economic activities, considering the environmental component with similar values of “reference” level.

To visualize the calculation procedure of taxonomic methods for assessing the potential of types of economic activities considering the environmental component, authors will perform the mathematical formalization of the calculation stages for solving the assigned task of economic and mathematical modeling.

At the first stage the identification of indicators of the attribute space characterizing the potential of types of economic activities considering the environmental component takes place. The indicators represented in Table 1 become the input informative base for constructing a given set of coefficients.

Table 1

Indicators characterizing the potential of types of economic activities, considering the environmental component in 2015

Types of economic activity	Economic component		Social component		Environmental component	
	EC1	EC2	SC1	SC2	EnC1	EnC2
Agriculture, forestry and fishery	558788	27900	1.2	19.7	77.7	8736.8
Mineral industry and quarry development	186194	17246.3	0.2	6.3	460.9	232642.4
Process industry	1206047	44563.1	5.1	73.7	941.4	56506.3
Supply of electricity, gas, steam and conditioned air	176768	21039.9	22.3	385.1	1174.3	6597.5
Water supply; drain system, waste management	26982	1318.7	2.4	40.8	9	594.2
Building industry	188595	40931.5	1	12.2	3.4	89.9
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of vehicles and motorcycles	549163	18152.4	4.1	71.4	4.82	31.42
Transport, warehousing, postal and courier activities	295634	16278	2.8	19.9	72.32	471.24
Temporary accommodation and arrangements for feeding	25458	970	0.8	3.3	24.11	157.08
Information and telecommunications	142223	21848.4	0.3	3.6	4.02	26.18
Financial and insurance activities	107764	6223.7	0.2	4.2	2.41	15.71
Real estate	176078	8797.6	0.4	4.2	1.61	10.47
Professional, scientific and technical activities	107124	3805.3	0.6	7.8	0.80	5.24
Activities in administrative and support services	43370	5677.4	1.1	8.1	6.43	41.89
Public administration and defense; compulsory social insurance	147578	12547.5	2.7	26.9	33.75	219.91
Education	119928	1176.4	1.4	27.2	0.96	6.28
Health care and social assistance	88636	1550.2	2.1	19.3	2.25	14.66
Arts, sports, entertainment and recreation	20436	921.4	0.3	2.8	3.21	20.94
Providing other services	22475	206.5	0.4	5.3	4.02	26.18

Notes: EC1 – The output of products and services in actual prices; mln. UAH; EC2 – Capital investments (used) in actual prices, mln.UAH; SC1 – Employers’ need for workers, ths. people; SC2 – Work of registered unemployed, ths. people; EnC1 – Air pollutant emissions by stationary sources of pollution, ths. tons; EnC» – Formation of waste of I-IV hazard classes, ths. tons.

Continuing the formalization of a given taxon-metrical approach to assessing the potential of types of economic activities and considering the environmental component (*the second stage*), it is proposed to present the totality of considered indicators of the attribute space in a matrix form (equation 1).

$$K = \begin{pmatrix} k_{11} & \dots & k_{1j} & \dots & k_{1n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ k_{i1} & \dots & k_{ij} & \dots & k_{in} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ k_{m1} & \dots & k_{mj} & \dots & k_{mn} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} k_{11} & k_{12} & k_{13} & k_{14} & k_{15} & k_{16} \\ k_{21} & k_{22} & k_{23} & k_{24} & k_{25} & k_{26} \\ k_{31} & k_{32} & k_{33} & k_{34} & k_{35} & k_{36} \\ k_{41} & k_{42} & k_{43} & k_{44} & k_{45} & k_{46} \\ k_{51} & k_{52} & k_{53} & k_{54} & k_{55} & k_{56} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

where K – the matrix of indices of attribute space characterizing the potential of types of economic activities considering the environmental component;

$i = 1 \div m$ – number of corresponding type of economic activity;

$j = 1 \div n$ – number of corresponding indicator of attribute space;

k_{ij} – the j-th indicator evaluating the potential of the i-th type of economic activity.

This approach to the presentation of incoming statistical data on the assessment of the potential of types of economic activities taking into account the environmental component allows both to concentrate and to visualize the informative base of the model and simplify the calculation procedure based on matrix operations.

At the *third* stage of implementation of taxonomic approach to definition the potential of types of economic activities considering the environmental component. It is advisable to bring the indicators of attributive space into a comparable form (equation 2):

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} l_{11} & \dots & l_{1j} & \dots & l_{1n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ l_{i1} & \dots & l_{ij} & \dots & l_{in} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ l_{m1} & \dots & l_{mj} & \dots & l_{mn} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} l_{11} & l_{12} & l_{13} & l_{14} & l_{15} & l_{16} \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & l_{23} & l_{24} & l_{25} & l_{26} \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & l_{33} & l_{34} & l_{35} & l_{36} \\ l_{41} & l_{42} & l_{43} & l_{44} & l_{45} & l_{46} \\ l_{51} & l_{52} & l_{53} & l_{54} & l_{55} & l_{56} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2)$$

that is, normalizing indicators to a comparable form, which is proposed to be carried out with the help of equations:

$$l_{ij} = \left| \frac{k_{ij} - \bar{k}_i}{\sigma_i} \right| \quad (3)$$

$$\bar{k}_i = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^n k_{ij}, \sigma_i = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^n (k_{ij} - \bar{k}_i)^2$$

where L – the matrix of normalized indicators of attribute space characterizing the potential of types of economic activities considering the environmental component;

l_{ij} – normalized j-th indicator of evaluation of potential of the i-th type of economic activity.

\bar{k}_i – the average value of the j-th indicator for the totality of considered types of economic activities;

σ_i – standard deviation of the j-th index.

The need for the normalization of indicators of attribute space is due to the heterogeneity of forms of

expression and the units of measurement in which they are represented.

At the *fourth stage* the calculation of “reference” values of indicators of attribute space, from the point of view of assessment of potential of types of economic activity considering the environmental component

which is proposed to present as the matrix
$$\begin{pmatrix} l_{11et} & \dots & l_{1jet} & \dots & l_{1net} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ l_{i1et} & \dots & l_{ijet} & \dots & l_{inet} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ l_{m1et} & \dots & l_{mj et} & \dots & l_{mnet} \end{pmatrix},$$
 where l_{ijet} – normalized j-th

reference indicator is performed.

The determination of the reference normalized value of the j-th indicator of attribute space for the whole set of considered types of economic activity (maximum or minimum value depending on the direction of the impact on the outcome). Thus, the “reference” value of a corresponding indicator of attribute space is calculated as a minimum value, if an increase in this indicator leads to a loss of a certain level of potential, and the maximum value – otherwise. The maximum value for the model under consideration is selected for indicators characterizing the economic and social components of the potential.

4.2. Calculations of normalized “reference” values of indicators of attribute space are made by adjusting the optimal normalized value of the j-th indicator of potential of types of economic activities by the magnitude of standard deviation (equation 4), defined in clause 4.1:

$$L_{et} = \begin{pmatrix} \max_j \{k_{1j}\} + \sigma_j & \dots & \min_j \{k_{1j}\} + \sigma_j & \dots \\ \max_j \{k_{1j}\} + \sigma_j & \dots & \min_j \{k_{1j}\} + \sigma_j & \dots \\ \max_j \{k_{1j}\} + \sigma_j & \dots & \min_j \{k_{1j}\} + \sigma_j & \dots \\ \max_j \{k_{1j}\} + \sigma_j & \dots & \min_j \{k_{1j}\} + \sigma_j & \dots \\ \max_j \{k_{1j}\} + \sigma_j & \dots & \min_j \{k_{1j}\} + \sigma_j & \dots \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4)$$

where L_{et} – the matrix of normalized “reference” values of indicators of the attribute space;

$\max_j \{k_{1j}\}$ (accordingly $\min_j \{k_{1j}\}$) – the determination of maximum (respectively, minimum)

normalized value of the j-th indicator, depending on the direction of their influence on the outcome.

The basis for adjusting the reference values of indicators of attribute space by the average deviation is the assumption of the impossibility to achieve the “reference”. Considering this fact, it can be noted that the “reference” is the value larger than the optimal normalized value of the j-th indicator of attribute space. That is why, in our case, it is advisable to use the standard deviation as the correction coefficient, which characterizes the remoteness of the average value of the indicator from individual levels.

This stage is the basis of taxonomic approach to assessing the potential of types of economic activities taking into account the environmental component, since the “reference” level from the point of view of the potential provides an opportunity to form a tactics and development strategy, bringing the attribute space values to the reference value.

The *fifth stage* of scientific and methodological approach to the assessment of potential of types of economic activities considering the environmental component provides the calculation of quasi-distances between the i-th and “reference” levels based on the following equation:

$$KV_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n-2} (l_{ij} - l_{ijet})^2 - \sum_{j=n-1}^n (l_{ij} - l_{ijet})^2, \quad (5)$$

where KV_i – quasi-distance between the i-th and “reference” levels.

Table 4

Normalized indicators (the first line for each type of economic activity) and quasi-distances (the second line for each type of economic activity), which characterize the potential of types of economic activities taking into account the environmental component

Types of economic activity	Economic component		Social component		Environmental component	
	EC1	EC2	SC1	SC2	EnC1	EnC2
Agriculture, forestry and fishery	1.189	1.091	0.281	0.851	0.210	0.137
Mineral industry and quarry development	9.179	3.271	20.593	14.680	0.539	0.735
Process industry	0.121	0.299	0.482	0.438	0.920	4.009
Supply of electricity, gas, steam and conditioned air	16.798	6.762	18.809	18.013	0.001	9.091
Water supply; drain system, waste management	3.465	2.329	0.502	0.328	2.337	0.748
Building industry	0.568	0.325	18.635	18.957	1.942	0.061
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of vehicles and motorcycles	0.154	0.581	3.967	3.866	3.024	0.176
Transport, warehousing, postal and courier activities	16.527	5.375	0.727	0.666	4.328	0.669
Temporary accommodation and arrangements for feeding	0.680	0.884	0.047	0.046	0.412	0.287
Information and telecommunications	12.523	4.061	22.771	21.489	0.282	0.499
Financial and insurance activities	0.112	2.059	0.322	0.371	0.429	0.297
Real estate	16.867	0.706	20.230	18.587	0.265	0.486
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1.156	0.367	0.301	0.302	0.425	0.298
Activities in administrative and support services	9.385	6.416	20.411	19.185	0.269	0.485
Public administration and defense; compulsory social insurance	0.264	0.227	0.040	0.283	0.226	0.290
Education	15.641	7.141	22.840	19.349	0.515	0.496
Health care and social assistance	0.686	0.910	0.362	0.358	0.368	0.296
Arts, sports, entertainment and recreation	12.485	3.958	19.870	18.695	0.332	0.488
Providing other services	0.275	0.641	0.462	0.468	0.427	0.298

Notes: EC1 – The output of products and services in actual prices; mln. UAH; EC2 – Capital investments (used) in actual prices, mln.UAH; SC1 – Employers’ need for workers, ths. people; SC2 – Work of registered unemployed, ths. people; EnC1 – Air pollutant emissions by stationary sources of pollution, ths. tons; EnC» – Formation of waste of I-IV hazard classes, ths. tons.

The quasi-distances are calculated and presented in Table 4, and act as a quantitative characteristic, which shows the correspondence of the level of potential of economic activities considering the environmental component of the reference value.

Based on the data given in Table 2, it is fair to note that in Ukraine most of the economic activities are not realized even by half. Such types of economic activities as transport, warehousing, postal and courier activities, public administration and defense; compulsory social insurance have the potential opportunities for growth at a level of more than 63%. If it can be argued on transport, that a significant part of the realization of its potential lies within the environmental component, namely the minimization of emissions into the atmosphere from motor vehicles, then the state administration and defense, its potential capacities accumulate within the economic and social component.

Table 2

The potential of types of economic activities, taking into account the environmental component

Types of economic activities	Potential
Agriculture, forestry and fishery	46.45
Mineral industry and quarry development	51.29
Process industry	36.48
Supply of electricity, gas, steam and conditioned air	18.30
Water supply; drain system, waste management	60.06
Building industry	55.64
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of vehicles and motorcycles	54.64
Transport, warehousing, postal and courier activities	63.96
Temporary accommodation and arrangements for feeding	54.19
Information and telecommunications	56.64
Financial and insurance activities	56.15
Real estate	59.35
Professional, scientific and technical activities	56.37
Activities in administrative and support services	56.24
Public administration and defense; compulsory social insurance	66.06
Education	59.26
Health care and social assistance	59.05
Arts, sports, entertainment and recreation	52.22
Providing other services	52.47

The lowest value of the potential, considering the environmental component, has a supply of electricity, gas, steam and conditioned air and makes 18.3%. This is quite logical, since the supply of electricity and gas is relatively environmentally friendly but to it, even in Ukraine, conditions are set in terms of minimizing environmental risks. Assessing their opportunities within the economic and social components, it is fair to note that currently there are no vectors for the development of these types of economic activities. Power lines and gas pipelines cover almost all the necessary territory of Ukraine, and there are no investment resources for improvement in sufficient volume.

The potential for all other types of economic activity in Ukraine are in the range of values from 47% to 60% and is formed from all three of its components. So, there are more than enough opportunities for restructuring Ukraine's economy, each type of economic activity can act as an impulse and a leader in structural changes.

Conclusions. Thus, the development of the assessment of the level of potential of types of economic activities taking into account the environmental component, which, unlike the existing ones, is proposed to be viewed as a combination of three components (economic, social and environmental) through a transition to normalized indicators (weighing the deviation of a current level by average on the standard deviation) and their subsequent convolution to a single integral criterion – quasi-distances based on the deviation from the reference level, calculated by adjusting the maximum (for stimulants) and the minimum (for disincentives) values by the value of standard deviation, which allows to establish unachieved level as compared with possible 100%.

Further researches will be aimed at increasing the factors that form the economic, social and environmental components, as well as studies of the dynamic changes in the potential of each type of economic activity and their comparison with the potential value without considering the environmental component.

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Ключові слова: потенціал, види економічної діяльності, еталон, екологічна складова, квазівідстані.

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